

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Previously presented) A data driven type information processing apparatus, comprising:

a self-synchronous transfer control circuit controlling by a transfer request signal and a transfer acknowledge signal transfer and operating processes of a data packet including at least a destination node number, a generation number, an instruction code and data;

at least one pipeline register controlled by said self-synchronous transfer control circuit, for storing said data packet;

an input/output control circuit controlling whether said data packet is to be circulated inside said information processing apparatus or output externally from said information processing apparatus; and

a data packet erasing circuit erasing a data packet stored in said at least one of said pipeline registers and outputting other data packets to the outside from said information processing apparatus wherein

said data packet erasing circuit includes a master reset input for erasing at least one data packet, adds a new host transfer flag to said data packet, and erases said data packet in accordance with master reset information.

3. (Original) The data driven type information processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a plurality of host transfer flag operating circuits overwriting a host transfer flag of other data packet in accordance with said master reset information; and

a host transfer flag detecting circuit detecting said host transfer flag.

4. (Previously presented) The data driven type information processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a host transfer flag operating circuit storing said master reset information, and

overwriting and outputting a host transfer flag of another input data packet; and
a host transfer flag detecting circuit detecting said host transfer flag.

5. (Original) The data driven type information processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein

said data packet erasing circuit is provided in said input/output control circuit.

6. (Previously presented) The data driven type information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein

said transfer flag operating circuit is provided in a block nearest to an outlet of the data driven type information processing apparatus,.

7. (Previously presented) A data driven type information processing apparatus, comprising:

a self-synchronous transfer control circuit controlling by a transfer request signal and a transfer acknowledge signal transfer and operating processes of a data packet including at least a destination node number, a generation number, an instruction code and data,;

a pipeline register controlled by said self-synchronous transfer control circuit, for storing said data packet;

an input/output control circuit controlling whether said data packet is to be circulated inside said information processing apparatus or output from said information processing apparatus;

a data packet erasing circuit including a master reset input adding a new host transfer flag to the data packet and erasing at least one data packet, for adding a new host transfer flag to said data packet and erasing said data packet in accordance with master reset information;

a plurality of host transfer flag operating circuits overwriting a host transfer flag of other data packet in accordance with said master reset information; and

a host transfer flag detecting circuit detecting said host transfer flag.

8. (Previously presented) A data driven type information processing apparatus, comprising:

- a self-synchronous transfer control circuit controlling by a transfer request signal and a transfer acknowledge signal transfer and operating processes of a data packet including at least a destination node number, a generation number, an instruction code and data,;

- a pipeline register controlled by said self-synchronous transfer control circuit for storing said data packet;

- an input/output control circuit controlling whether said data packet is to be circulated inside said information processing apparatus or output from said information processing apparatus;

- a data packet erasing circuit including a master reset input for adding a new host transfer flag to a data packet and erasing at least one data packet, for adding a new host transfer flag to said data packet and erasing said data packet in accordance with master reset information;

- a host transfer flag operating circuit storing said master reset information, and overwriting and outputting the host transfer flag of input other data packet; and

- a host transfer flag detecting circuit detecting said host transfer flag.

9. (Previously presented) A data driven type information processing apparatus, comprising:

- a self-synchronous transfer control circuit controlling by a transfer request signal and a transfer acknowledge signal transfer and operating processes of a data packet including at least a destination node number, a generation number, an instruction code and data;

- at least one pipeline register controlled by said self-synchronous transfer control circuit, for storing said data packet;

- an input/output control circuit outputting said data packet from said information processing apparatus when said data packet includes a host transfer flag; and

- a data packet erasing circuit erasing a data packet stored in said at least one pipeline register and outputting other data packets from said information processing apparatus.

10. (Previously presented) The data driven type information processing apparatus of claim 9 wherein said data packet erasing circuit includes a master reset input for erasing at least one data packet, adds a new host transfer flag to said data packet, and erases said data packet in accordance with master reset information.

11. (Previously presented) The data driven type information processing apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising:

a plurality of host transfer flag operating circuits overwriting a host transfer flag of other data packets in accordance with said master reset information; and

a host transfer flag detecting circuit detecting said host transfer flag.

12. (New) A method of operating a data driven type information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

providing a self-synchronous transfer control circuit;

controlling by a transfer request signal and a transfer acknowledge signal transfer and operating processes of at least one data packet including at least a destination node number, a generation number, an instruction code and data;

providing at least one pipeline register controlled by said self-synchronous transfer control circuit, for storing said at least one data packet; and

when a dead-lock state occurs:

erasing a first one of said at least one data packet stored in said at least one pipeline register; and

outputting a second one of said at least one data packet from said information processing apparatus to an external host when said data packet includes a host transfer flag.